

CLAIMS

1. A process for preparing a drug formulation comprising the steps of:
dissolving a lipid-regulating drug in a solvent free of surfactant to form a drug solution;
5 premixing an excipient to generate an admixture;
 wet granulating the admixture and the drug solution to form a granulated drug admixture; and
 drying the granulated admixture.
2. The process of claim 1 wherein the lipid-regulating drug is a fibrate.
3. The process of claim 2 wherein the fibrate is fenofibrate.
4. The process of claim 1 wherein the drying step includes evaporating the solvent.
5. The process of claim 4 wherein the evaporating is performed under vacuum.
6. The process of claim 1 wherein the drying step is accomplished using a fluid bed, tray dryer or rotary atomizer.
7. The process of claim 1 comprising the additional step of adding other excipients.

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8. The process of claim 1 comprising the additional step of forming a final dosage form.

9. A process for preparing a drug formulation comprising the steps of:
dissolving a lipid-regulating drug in a solvent free of surfactant to form a drug solution;

premixing an excipient to generate an admixture;
5 wet granulating the admixture and the drug solution to form a granulated drug admixture;
drying the granulated admixture; and
tableting the dried granulated admixture.

10. A process for preparing a drug formulation comprising the steps of:
dissolving a lipid-regulating drug in a solvent free of surfactant to form a drug solution;

premixing an excipient to generate an admixture;
5 wet granulating the admixture and the drug solution to form a granulated drug admixture;
drying the granulated admixture; and
filling capsules with the dried granulated admixture.

11. The process of claim 1 wherein the excipient is one or more members selected from the group consisting of lactose, starch, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, magnesium stearate, and other pharmaceutically-acceptable excipients.

12. The process of claim 1 wherein the admixture is granulated in a fluidized bed

13. The process of claim 1 wherein the admixture is granulated in a low shear or high shear mixer.
14. A composition prepared by the process of claim 1.
15. A composition prepared by the process of claim 3.
16. A method for treating of hyperlipidernia comprising the step of administering the final drug formulation prepared by the process of claim 9.
17. A method for treating of hyperlipidernia comprising the step of administering the final drug formulation prepared by the process of claim 10.
18. A method for treating of hyperlipidernia comprising the administration of the formulation prepared by the process of claim 3.